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The fourth quarter Bureau of Labor statistics show an improvement in the employment situation for Vietnam veterans, including employment for Negro and other minority races. The unemployment rate for newly discharged veterans is still slightly higher than that for nonveterans, but the rate for age group (20-24 and 25-30) is decreasing as a result of the improved job market during 1973 and of special efforts to employ veterans. Attendance in school was the reason most frequently given by veterans and nonveterans for neither working nor seeking work. At the end of 1973, veterans' unemployment rate had fallen to about four percent, the lowest level in more than three years. The proportion of employed veterans was smaller than that of nonveterans in professional-technical jobs and larger in craft jobs. (Quarterly and annual averages are presented in tables concerning employment status, duration of unemployment, reasons for unemployment, and reasons for nonparticipation in the labor force by veterans and nonveterans in an age group 20-34 years old divided by region, age, and race.) (AG)

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EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF VIETNAM ERA VETERANS: FOURTH QUARTER 1973 AND ANNUAL SUMMARY

Employment of Vietnam Era veterans 20 to 34 years old continued to increase in the fourth quarter of 1973, reaching 5.3 million, and the number unemployed and the unemployment rate fell to their lowest seasonally adjusted levels in over 3 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. Veterans' employment increased by 190,000 over the quarter, unemployment was reduced by about 50,000 to 225,000 and the unemployment rate fell by 1 percentage point to 4.1 percent. (See table 1.)

The lower unemployment rate resulted largely from the generally improved job market during 1973 and special efforts to employ veterans. In addition, a growing majority of Vietnam Era veterans have been out of the service for several years and have gotten settled into jobs. The unemployment rates for veterans 25 to 34 years old are much lower than that of the declining number of young, newly discharged veterans 20 to 24 years old, who are in the process of adjusting to the civilian job market. The unemployment rate for veterans 20 to 24 years was 7.5 percent (seasonally adjusted) in the fourth quarter of 1973, compared with 3.0 and 2.8 percent for the 25-29 and 30-34 year-old men. The rate for each group has improved considerably over the year, but the rate for the younger veterans continued to be somewhat higher than for nonveterans 20 to 24 (6.4 percent in the fourth quarter).

Other highlights for the fourth quarter of 1973 includs the following (based on data that are not seasonally adjusted):

- By the fourth quarter of 1973, the unemployment rate for 20-34 year-old veterans of Negro and other minority races was down to 5.2 percent, a substantial improvement over the quarter and over the year. Their rate dropped below that of their nonveteran peers (7.6 percent), but remained higher than that of the white veterans (3.6 percent). (See table 2.)
- Among the 20-34 year-old veterans residing in North Central (30 percent) and Southern (30 percent) States, unemployment rates were lower (3.1 and 2.7 percent) than for veterans residing in the Northeastern and Western States (4.0 and 5.8 percent). This was similar to the pattern for nonveterans in these ages. (See table 3.)
- The proportion of unemployed veterans looking for work for 15 weeks or more (18 percent) declined substantially over the year and was similar to that of the nonveterans at year-end. (See table 4.)

As expected, a greater proportion of the younger (20-24), more recently discharged unemployed veterans than the younger unemployed nonveterans were entrants or reentrants to the labor force. (See table 5.)

For veterans and nonveterans who were not in the labor force, attendance in school was by far the most important reason for neither working nor seeking work. (See table 6.)

ANNUAL SUMMARY

Substantial improvements in the employment situation of Vietnam Era veterans in 1973 mirrored the strong expansion in the Nation's job market. On average, 5.4 million veterans 20 to 34 years old were in the civilian labor force, 475,000 more than in 1972. (See table 7.) All of the increase was in employment as average unemployment dropped below 300,000 and the unemployment rate declined from 6.7 to 5.0 percent, much the same as the jobless rate for nonveterans in ages 20 to 34 (4.9 percent). By the close of 1973, the veterans' unemployment rate had fallen to about 4 percent, the lowest level in more than 3 years.

In 1973, there were about 6.2 million male Vietnam Era veterans of all ages in the civilian noninstitutional population, of whom 5.7 million were 20 to 34 years old. The largest group was in ages 25 to 29 (3 million), 1 million were 30 to 34 years old, and both groups continued to increase. Unemployment rates in these two age groups, 3.7 and 2.6 percent, were roughly the same as for their nonveteran counterparts. In contrast, the youngest veterans (20-24) have been declining both in number and as a proportion of all Vietnam Era veterans (1.7 million and 27 percent in 1973) as military discharges slowed considerably from the peak demobilization period (1968-71).

The comparatively higher unemployment rate of 20-24 year-old veterans has kept public concern focused on their experiences in the civilian job market. Their unemployment rate of 8.9 percent was well above the 6.8 percent rate for nonveterans of the same ages. Although average jobless rates for both young groups were substantially below 1972 levels, the veterans' rate remained significantly higher than that of the nonveterans through most of 1973.

Some of this persistent difference is explained by the fact that the age group includes a majority of newly discharged servicemen who are apt to have less familiarity with the current civilian job market than nonveterans the same ages. In addition, the fact that the young veterans, unlike inexperienced nonveterans, are eligible for unemployment insurance payments regardless of prior work experience may make it possible for proportionately more of the veterans than nonveterans to hold out for the kind of jobs they want.

Between 1972 and 1973, employment expanded and unemployment decreased among both white veterans and those of Negro and other minority races. The unemployment rate for white veterans 20 to 34 years old declined to 4.6 percent from 6.2 percent and that for Negro veterans dipped even more to 8.4 percent from 11.7 per-

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cent. Thus, the gap between the jobless rates of these men, which had averaged over 5 percentage points from 1970 to 1972, narrowed to less than 4 percentage points for 1973. The 1973 unemployment rates for both Negro and white veterans were little different from those of their nonveteran peers.

The unemployment rates for Negro veterans in ages 20 to 24 (13.5 percent) and 25 to 29 (6.7 percent) remained higher than those for white veterans (8.3 and 3.4 percent, respectively). However, for the 30-34 year-old group, the 2.8 percent rate for Negro veterans was no different from the jobless rate for white veterans.

As in previous years, the proportion of employed veterans was smaller than that of nonveterans in professional-technical jobs and larger in craft jobs. This is in line with relatively fewer veterans having college degrees. Negro and other minority race veterans were more heavily concentrated than white veterans in the less skilled laborer and service occupations. (See table 9.)

The distribution by industry of employed veterans 20 to 34 years old was approximately the same as that of employed nonveterans--about 30 percent held jobs in manufacturing, and 16 percent were in trade, mostly retail trade. Among veterans, a higher proportion of men in the Negro and other minority races than of white men were employed in the government sector. In 1973, 23 percent of the Negro veterans, on average, worked for Federal, State, or local governments, compared with 14 percent of the white veterans. (See table 10.)

Original and seasonally adjusted data are published each month and quarter on the employment status of all male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20-24, 25-29, and 30-34 years old. Data by race are issued only on a quarterly basis because the estimates covering shorter time periods are subject to large sampling errors. The data by race are not seasonally adjusted. Other data issued on a quarterly basis and not seasonally adjusted include duration of unemployment, reasons for unemployment, and reasons for nonparticipation in the labor force.

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Table 1. Employment status of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, quarterly averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	4th 1972	1st 1973	2nd 1973	3rd 1973	4th 1973	Seasonally adjusted 4th 1972	Seasonally adjusted 1st 1973	Seasonally adjusted 2nd 1973	Seasonally adjusted 3rd 1973	Seasonally adjusted 4th 1973
VETERANS[1]										
Total, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	5,437	5,547	5,654	5,756	5,866	5,437	5,547	5,654	5,756	5,866
Civilian labor force	5,081	5,140	5,306	5,443	5,531	5,089	5,191	5,313	5,387	5,530
Employed	4,813	4,807	5,031	5,192	5,326	4,794	4,912	5,028	5,113	5,302
Unemployed	268	333	275	250	205	295	279	285	274	227
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.5	5.2	4.6	3.7	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.1
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	1,861	1,792	1,712	1,627	1,547	1,861	1,792	1,712	1,627	1,547
Civilian labor force	1,680	1,611	1,567	1,475	1,389	1,688	1,627	1,568	1,453	1,394
Employed	1,530	1,429	1,427	1,358	1,291	1,527	1,475	1,420	1,326	1,289
Unemployed	150	181	140	118	97	161	153	148	126	105
Unemployment rate	8.9	11.3	9.0	8.0	7.0	9.5	9.4	9.4	8.7	7.5
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	2,775	2,871	2,968	3,069	3,173	2,775	2,871	2,968	3,069	3,173
Civilian labor force	2,626	2,674	2,798	2,934	3,021	2,634	2,702	2,798	2,901	3,027
Employed	2,535	2,554	2,685	2,823	2,942	2,528	2,603	2,684	2,779	2,936
Unemployed	91	120	113	112	78	106	99	114	121	91
Unemployment rate	3.5	4.5	4.0	3.8	2.6	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.0
30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	801	885	974	1,060	1,146	801	885	974	1,060	1,146
Civilian labor force	775	855	942	1,033	1,122	767	861	947	1,033	1,109
Employed	749	823	919	1,012	1,092	739	834	924	1,007	1,078
Unemployed	26	32	22	21	30	28	27	23	26	31
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.0	2.6	3.6	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.8
NONVETERANS										
Total, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	13,724	13,990	14,254	14,488	14,714	13,724	13,990	14,254	14,488	14,714
Civilian labor force	12,181	12,376	12,844	13,331	13,241	12,298	12,591	12,855	12,981	13,367
Employed	11,579	11,636	12,210	12,736	12,685	11,642	11,941	12,201	12,362	12,760
Unemployed	602	741	634	595	557	656	650	654	619	607
Unemployment rate	4.9	6.0	4.9	4.5	4.2	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.5
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	6,236	6,392	6,559	6,721	6,867	6,236	6,392	6,559	6,721	6,867
Civilian labor force	5,058	5,140	5,506	5,894	5,737	5,190	5,355	5,500	5,547	5,880
Employed	4,676	4,721	5,110	5,530	5,398	4,765	4,979	5,098	5,178	5,503
Unemployed	383	418	396	363	339	425	376	402	368	377
Unemployment rate	7.6	8.1	7.2	6.2	5.9	8.2	7.0	7.3	6.6	6.4
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	4,026	4,078	4,111	4,134	4,172	4,026	4,078	4,111	4,134	4,172
Civilian labor force	3,794	3,854	3,890	3,930	3,959	3,783	3,862	3,898	3,926	3,948
Employed	3,659	3,649	3,734	3,769	3,811	3,638	3,689	3,734	3,752	3,788
Unemployed	135	205	155	161	148	145	173	164	174	160
Unemployment rate	3.5	5.3	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.0
30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population[2]	3,462	3,520	3,583	3,633	3,674	3,462	3,520	3,583	3,633	3,674
Civilian labor force	3,329	3,382	3,448	3,507	3,545	3,326	3,374	3,457	3,508	3,540
Employed	3,245	3,265	3,366	3,437	3,476	3,239	3,274	3,368	3,431	3,469
Unemployed	84	117	82	70	69	87	101	89	77	71
Unemployment rate	2.5	3.5	2.4	2.0	1.9	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.0

[1] Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964. At present, of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages, 91 percent are 20 to 34 years of age.

[2] Since seasonal variations are not present in the population figures, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals. Rates are based on unrounded numbers. Data are subject to sampling variability which may be relatively large in cases where numbers are small. Therefore, differences between numbers or percents based on them may not be significant. For a detailed explanation of the reliability of estimates, including standard error tables, see the Technical Note in the December 1973 issue of Employment and Earnings.

Table 2. Employment status of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by race, quarterly averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	White					Negro and other races				
	4th 1972	1st 1973	2nd 1973	3rd 1973	4th 1973	4th 1972	1st 1973	2nd 1973	3rd 1973	4th 1973
VETERANS[1]										
Total, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	4,901	5,014	5,081	5,191	5,283	536	533	573	565	584
Civilian labor force	4,593	4,679	4,795	4,944	5,010	488	461	511	499	521
Employed	4,362	4,391	4,569	4,739	4,832	451	416	462	453	494
Unemployed	231	288	227	204	178	37	46	49	46	27
Unemployment rate	5.0	6.1	4.7	4.1	3.6	7.5	9.9	9.6	9.2	5.2
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	1,670	1,594	1,476	1,432	1,360	191	197	235	195	187
Civilian labor force	1,511	1,437	1,359	1,318	1,227	169	173	208	157	162
Employed	1,377	1,282	1,253	1,221	1,143	153	147	174	136	148
Unemployed	134	155	106	97	84	16	26	34	21	14
Unemployment rate	8.9	10.8	7.8	7.4	6.8	9.3	15.2	16.4	13.2	8.5
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	2,520	2,620	2,721	2,791	2,877	255	251	247	278	296
Civilian labor force	2,391	2,464	2,579	2,679	2,755	235	211	219	255	266
Employed	2,316	2,357	2,479	2,591	2,690	219	197	206	232	253
Unemployed	75	106	100	88	65	17	14	13	24	13
Unemployment rate	3.1	4.3	3.9	3.3	2.4	7.1	6.6	5.9	9.3	4.9
30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	711	800	883	968	1,046	90	85	91	92	101
Civilian labor force	691	778	857	946	1,028	84	77	84	87	94
Employed	669	751	837	927	999	79	72	82	85	93
Unemployed	22	26	20	19	29	4	5	2	2	1
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.4	2.3	2.0	2.8	5.2	6.9	2.4	1.9	.7
NONVETERANS										
Total, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,952	12,161	12,354	12,537	12,747	1,772	1,829	1,900	1,950	1,966
Civilian labor force	10,636	10,827	11,195	11,601	11,517	1,545	1,549	1,649	1,730	1,724
Employed	10,151	10,233	10,700	11,161	11,092	1,428	1,403	1,509	1,575	1,592
Unemployed	485	594	494	440	425	117	147	140	155	132
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.5	4.4	3.8	3.7	7.6	9.5	8.5	8.9	7.6
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	5,417	5,555	5,727	5,835	5,962	819	837	832	886	905
Civilian labor force	4,400	4,501	4,837	5,150	4,993	657	839	669	744	744
Employed	4,088	4,163	4,529	4,880	4,736	587	559	580	651	662
Unemployed	312	338	307	270	257	71	80	89	93	82
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.5	6.4	5.2	5.1	10.8	12.6	13.3	12.5	11.1
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	3,543	3,568	3,564	3,596	3,633	483	509	547	538	539
Civilian labor force	3,356	3,391	3,392	3,429	3,466	438	463	497	501	493
Employed	3,246	3,231	3,269	3,310	3,351	413	418	465	459	460
Unemployed	109	160	123	119	115	25	45	32	42	34
Unemployment rate	3.3	4.7	3.6	3.5	3.3	5.8	9.7	6.5	8.4	6.8
30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	2,992	3,037	3,063	3,106	3,151	470	483	520	527	522
Civilian labor force	2,880	2,935	2,966	3,022	3,059	449	448	482	485	486
Employed	2,816	2,839	2,902	2,971	3,005	428	426	464	466	471
Unemployed	64	96	64	51	53	21	22	18	20	16
Unemployment rate	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.7	1.7	4.6	4.8	3.8	4.1	3.2

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 3. Employment status of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by region, age, and race, fourth quarter averages, 1973

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status and race	Veterans [1]					Nonveterans				
	Total	North-east	North Central	South	West	Total	North-east	North Central	South	West
Total, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	5,866	1,238	1,623	1,822	1,183	14,714	3,433	3,940	4,645	2,696
Civilian labor force	5,531	1,156	1,553	1,724	1,098	13,241	2,996	3,574	4,254	2,417
Percent of population	94.3	93.4	95.7	94.6	92.8	90.0	87.3	90.7	91.6	89.7
Employed	5,326	1,110	1,504	1,677	1,035	12,685	2,809	3,458	4,123	2,295
Unemployed	205	46	48	47	64	557	188	115	131	123
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.0	3.1	2.7	5.8	4.2	6.3	3.2	3.1	5.1
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	1,547	328	458	463	298	6,867	1,623	1,869	2,115	1,260
Civilian labor force	1,389	287	425	417	260	5,737	1,287	1,591	1,801	1,058
Percent of population	89.8	87.5	92.8	90.1	87.2	83.5	79.3	85.1	85.2	84.0
Employed	1,291	261	400	400	230	5,398	1,179	1,517	1,721	981
Unemployed	97	26	24	17	30	339	108	73	80	78
Unemployment rate	7.0	9.1	5.6	4.1	11.5	5.9	8.4	4.6	4.4	7.4
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	3,173	675	888	976	634	4,172	975	1,101	1,342	754
Civilian labor force	3,021	642	853	931	595	3,959	909	1,043	1,299	708
Percent of population	95.2	95.1	96.1	95.4	93.8	94.9	93.2	94.7	96.8	93.9
Employed	2,942	627	835	908	572	3,811	851	1,014	1,268	678
Unemployed	78	16	17	22	23	148	58	30	31	30
Unemployment rate	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.4	3.9	3.7	6.4	2.9	2.4	4.2
30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	1,146	235	277	384	250	3,674	835	970	1,187	682
Civilian labor force	1,122	228	275	376	243	3,545	800	940	1,154	651
Percent of population	97.9	97.4	99.3	97.9	97.2	96.5	95.8	97.9	97.2	95.5
Employed	1,092	224	268	368	232	3,476	779	927	1,134	636
Unemployed	30	4	7	8	11	69	22	12	20	15
Unemployment rate	2.6	1.8	2.5	2.1	4.5	1.9	2.8	1.3	1.7	2.3
White, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	5,283	1,150	1,482	1,556	1,095	12,747	3,070	3,555	3,741	2,381
Civilian labor force	5,010	1,084	1,426	1,481	1,019	11,517	2,701	3,243	3,427	2,146
Percent of population	94.8	94.3	96.2	95.2	93.1	90.4	88.0	91.2	91.6	90.1
Employed	4,832	1,044	1,383	1,442	963	11,092	2,548	3,158	3,342	2,044
Unemployed	178	40	42	39	57	425	154	83	86	102
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.7	2.9	2.6	5.5	3.7	5.7	2.6	2.5	4.8
Negro and other races, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	584	88	142	266	88	1,966	363	384	904	315
Civilian labor force	521	72	127	243	79	1,724	295	331	827	271
Percent of population	89.2	81.8	89.4	91.4	89.8	87.7	81.3	86.2	91.5	86.0
Employed	494	66	121	236	71	1,592	261	300	781	250
Unemployed	27	6	6	7	8	132	34	32	45	21
Unemployment rate	5.2	8.3	4.7	3.3	10.1	7.6	11.5	9.7	5.4	7.7

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 4. Duration of unemployment of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by age, fourth quarter averages, 1972 and 1973

(Percent distribution)

Duration of unemployment	20 to 34 years		20 to 24 years		25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973
VETERANS[1]								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands).....	268	205	150	97	91	78	26	30
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	([2])	([2])
Less than 5 weeks.....	44.0	51.7	46.0	46.9	40.7	53.2	-	-
5 to 14 weeks.....	31.0	30.7	28.7	34.4	33.0	29.1	-	-
15 weeks and over.....	25.0	17.6	25.3	18.8	26.4	17.7	-	-
NONVETERANS								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands).....	602	557	383	339	135	148	84	69
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	44.1	49.3	45.3	53.4	40.0	43.2	45.2	43.5
5 to 14 weeks.....	35.9	30.9	36.9	31.9	38.5	29.7	27.4	29.0
15 weeks and over.....	20.0	19.8	17.8	15.0	21.5	27.0	27.4	27.5

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Percent not shown where base is less than 50,000.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 5. Reasons for unemployment of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by age, fourth quarter averages, 1972 and 1973

(Percent distribution)

Reason for unemployment	20 to 34 years		20 to 24 years		25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973
VETERANS[1]								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands)	268	205	150	97	91	78	26	30
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	([2])	([2])
Lost last job	50.0	51.2	40.7	43.9	60.4	60.8	-	-
On layoff	13.1	13.0	9.3	8.2	16.5	20.3	-	-
Other job losers	36.9	38.2	31.3	35.7	44.0	40.5	-	-
Left last job	15.3	21.3	16.0	18.4	13.2	21.5	-	-
Entered labor force	34.7	27.5	43.3	37.8	26.4	17.7	-	-
Reentered labor force	27.6	24.2	32.7	33.7	24.2	15.2	-	-
Never worked before	7.1	3.4	10.7	4.1	2.2	2.5	-	-
NONVETERANS								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands)	602	557	383	339	135	148	84	69
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	55.4	55.3	48.7	49.6	66.4	65.1	68.2	62.3
On layoff	13.6	13.8	10.5	10.9	18.7	18.1	20.0	18.8
Other job losers	41.8	41.5	38.2	38.6	47.8	47.0	48.2	43.5
Left last job	21.5	22.3	21.2	25.7	20.9	12.8	23.5	26.1
Entered labor force	23.1	22.4	30.1	24.8	12.7	22.1	8.2	11.6
Reentered labor force	19.0	19.6	24.3	21.2	11.2	20.1	7.1	10.1
Never worked before	4.2	2.9	5.8	3.5	1.5	2.0	1.2	1.4

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Percent not shown where base is less than 50,000.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 6. Reasons for nonparticipation in labor force for male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by age, fourth quarter averages, 1972 and 1973

(Percent distribution)

Reason for nonparticipation	20 to 34 years		20 to 24 years		25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973	4th 1972	4th 1973
VETERANS[1]								
Total not in labor force:								
Number (in thousands)	356	335	181	158	149	152	26	24
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	([2])	([2])
In school	63.5	57.7	63.3	57.6	66.4	62.7	-	-
Want job now[3]	8.7	6.5	10.6	8.9	7.4	3.9	-	-
Ill health or disability	9.0	13.1	6.1	10.1	10.7	14.4	-	-
No desire for job now	15.2	18.2	15.6	17.1	13.4	14.4	-	-
Think impossible to find job	2.5	2.1	2.8	1.9	2.7	2.6	-	-
All other	9.8	8.9	12.2	13.3	6.7	5.9	-	-
NONVETERANS								
Total not in labor force:								
Number (in thousands)	1,543	1,473	1,178	1,130	232	213	133	129
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In school	66.4	67.6	76.8	76.7	38.5	42.3	22.6	30.0
Want job now[3]	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.7	5.2	5.2	1.5	2.3
Ill health or disability	13.1	13.1	6.1	6.4	27.7	29.6	49.6	45.4
No desire for job now	13.7	13.9	10.9	12.8	23.8	16.4	20.3	19.2
Think impossible to find job	2.6	1.4	2.5	1.0	3.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.1
All other	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.1	6.1	8.9	6.0	2.3

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Percent not shown where base is less than 50,000.
[3] Included in "In school."

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 7. Employment status of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old by age and race, annual averages, 1971 to 1973

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	20 to 34 years			20 to 24 years			25 to 29 years			30 to 34 years		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
ALL MEN												
Veterans[1]												
Civilian noninstitutional population	4,503	5,232	5,706	1,953	1,935	1,669	2,104	2,603	3,020	446	694	1,016
Civilian labor force	4,150	4,880	5,355	1,736	1,752	1,510	1,979	2,454	2,857	436	674	988
Percent of population	92.2	93.3	93.8	88.9	90.5	90.5	94.1	94.3	94.6	97.8	97.1	97.2
Employed	3,808	4,553	5,089	1,524	1,566	1,376	1,865	2,332	2,751	420	655	962
Unemployed	341	328	266	212	187	134	114	122	106	15	20	26
Unemployment rate	8.2	6.7	5.0	12.2	10.6	8.9	5.7	5.0	3.7	3.5	2.9	2.6
Nonveterans												
Civilian noninstitutional population	12,616	13,422	14,361	5,500	6,039	6,635	3,892	3,968	4,124	3,225	3,415	3,603
Civilian labor force	11,263	11,992	12,948	4,448	4,942	5,569	3,695	3,760	3,908	3,120	3,290	3,471
Percent of population	89.3	89.3	90.2	80.9	81.8	83.9	94.9	94.8	94.8	96.7	96.3	96.3
Employed	10,554	11,302	12,316	4,027	4,510	5,190	3,522	3,603	3,741	3,005	3,190	3,386
Unemployed	709	690	632	422	432	379	172	157	168	115	101	85
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.8	4.9	9.5	8.8	6.8	4.7	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	2.4
WHITE												
Veterans[1]												
Civilian noninstitutional population	4,064	4,739	5,142	1,749	1,731	1,466	1,912	2,383	2,752	404	626	924
Civilian labor force	3,752	4,432	4,857	1,556	1,575	1,336	1,800	2,250	2,619	396	609	902
Percent of population	92.3	93.5	94.5	89.0	91.0	91.1	94.1	94.4	95.2	98.0	97.3	97.6
Employed	3,462	4,157	4,633	1,375	1,416	1,225	1,704	2,147	2,529	383	594	878
Unemployed	290	276	224	181	158	110	96	103	90	13	15	24
Unemployment rate	7.7	6.2	4.6	11.6	10.0	8.3	5.3	4.6	3.4	3.3	2.5	2.6
Nonveterans												
Civilian noninstitutional population	10.909	11,680	12,450	4,757	5,256	5,770	3,363	3,472	3,590	2,790	2,951	3,090
Civilian labor force	9,781	10,480	11,285	3,856	4,316	4,870	3,212	3,308	3,420	2,713	2,856	2,995
Percent of population	89.7	89.7	90.6	81.1	82.1	84.4	95.5	95.3	95.3	97.2	96.8	96.9
Employed	9,227	9,935	10,797	3,528	3,972	4,577	3,074	3,181	3,290	2,624	2,781	2,929
Unemployed	554	545	488	328	344	293	138	125	129	88	75	66
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.2	4.3	8.5	8.0	6.0	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.3	2.6	2.2
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES												
Veterans[1]												
Civilian noninstitutional population	439	493	564	204	204	204	192	221	268	42	68	92
Civilian labor force	398	448	498	180	178	175	179	204	238	39	65	86
Percent of population	90.7	90.9	88.3	88.2	87.3	85.8	93.2	92.3	88.8	92.9	95.6	93.5
Employed	347	395	456	148	149	151	161	186	222	37	60	83
Unemployed	51	52	42	31	30	24	19	19	16	2	4	2
Unemployment rate	12.9	11.7	8.4	17.6	16.8	13.5	10.0	9.2	6.7	5.5	6.9	2.8
Nonveterans												
Civilian noninstitutional population	1,707	1,742	1,911	742	782	865	529	496	533	436	464	513
Civilian labor force	1,482	1,512	1,663	592	626	699	483	452	488	407	434	475
Percent of population	86.8	86.8	87.0	79.8	80.1	80.8	91.3	91.1	91.6	93.3	93.5	92.6
Employed	1,327	1,367	1,520	498	537	613	448	422	450	380	408	457
Unemployed	155	145	143	94	89	86	35	30	38	27	26	19
Unemployment rate	10.5	9.6	8.6	15.8	14.2	12.3	7.2	6.7	7.8	6.6	5.9	4.0

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 8. Employment status of Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by region, age, and race, annual averages, 1973

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status and race	Veterans[1]					Nonveterans				
	Total	North-east	North Central	South	West	Total	North-east	North Central	South	West
Total, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	5,706	1,216	1,601	1,755	1,134	14,361	3,403	3,926	4,526	2,506
Civilian labor force	5,355	1,136	1,516	1,649	1,054	12,948	2,972	3,578	4,149	2,249
Percent of population	93.8	93.4	94.7	94.0	92.9	90.2	87.3	91.1	91.7	89.7
Employed	5,089	1,071	1,444	1,596	978	12,316	2,782	3,421	4,009	2,105
Unemployed	266	65	72	53	76	632	190	157	139	146
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.7	4.7	3.2	7.2	4.9	6.4	4.4	3.4	6.5
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	1,669	346	502	510	311	6,635	1,590	1,838	2,052	1,154
Civilian labor force	1,510	307	463	465	275	5,569	1,261	1,577	1,760	971
Percent of population	90.5	88.7	92.2	91.2	88.4	83.9	79.3	85.8	85.8	84.1
Employed	1,376	274	425	439	238	5,190	1,154	1,477	1,674	885
Unemployed	134	33	38	26	37	379	107	100	85	87
Unemployment rate	8.9	10.7	8.2	5.6	13.8	6.8	8.5	6.3	4.8	9.0
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	3,020	651	849	918	602	4,124	984	1,113	1,296	731
Civilian labor force	2,857	616	809	866	566	3,908	917	1,058	1,250	683
Percent of population	94.6	94.6	95.3	94.3	94.0	94.8	93.2	95.1	96.5	93.4
Employed	2,751	590	781	845	535	3,741	861	1,019	1,215	645
Unemployed	106	26	28	21	31	168	56	39	35	39
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.2	3.5	2.4	5.5	4.3	6.1	3.7	2.8	5.7
30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	1,016	219	250	326	221	3,603	829	975	1,178	621
Civilian labor force	988	213	244	318	213	3,471	794	943	1,139	595
Percent of population	97.2	97.3	97.6	97.5	96.4	96.3	95.8	96.7	96.7	95.8
Employed	962	207	238	312	205	3,386	767	925	1,120	575
Unemployed	26	6	7	6	7	85	27	18	19	20
Unemployment rate	2.8	2.8	2.8	1.9	3.3	2.4	3.4	1.9	1.7	3.4
White, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	5,142	1,124	1,475	1,500	1,047	12,450	3,054	3,543	3,626	2,226
Civilian labor force	4,857	1,059	1,406	1,422	976	11,285	2,687	3,251	3,335	2,012
Percent of population	94.5	94.2	95.3	94.8	93.2	90.6	88.0	91.8	92.0	90.4
Employed	4,633	1,001	1,345	1,381	911	10,797	2,528	3,134	3,245	1,890
Unemployed	224	57	62	41	64	488	158	116	90	123
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.4	4.4	2.9	6.6	4.3	5.9	3.6	2.7	6.1
Negro and other races, 20 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population	564	93	127	256	88	1,911	349	383	899	280
Civilian labor force	498	78	112	229	79	1,663	285	327	814	237
Percent of population	88.3	83.9	88.2	89.1	89.8	87.0	81.7	85.4	90.4	84.6
Employed	456	71	100	217	68	1,520	254	287	764	215
Unemployed	42	7	11	12	12	143	32	40	49	23
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.0	9.8	5.2	15.2	8.6	11.2	12.2	6.0	9.7

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 9. Employed male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by occupation group and race, annual averages, 1973

(Percent distribution)

Occupation group	Veterans[1]			Nonveterans		
	Total	White	Negro and other races	Total	White	Negro and other races
ALL MEN						
Total employed: Number (in thousands)	5,089	4,633	456	12,316	10,797	1,520
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Professional and technical	13.9	14.4	8.8	17.3	18.1	11.3
Managers and administrators, except farm	9.8	10.3	4.6	10.1	10.9	4.2
Sales workers	6.1	6.5	2.6	5.6	6.0	2.5
Retail trade	2.2	2.3	1.3	2.5	2.6	1.6
All other	3.9	4.2	1.3	3.1	3.4	1.0
Clerical workers	8.6	8.2	12.3	6.9	6.8	7.7
Craft and kindred workers	24.2	24.7	18.3	19.8	20.6	14.0
Carpenters and construction craft	7.1	7.2	5.9	6.8	7.1	5.0
Mechanics and repairers	7.2	7.5	4.6	5.3	5.6	3.6
All other craft and kindred workers	9.8	10.0	7.9	7.6	8.0	5.3
Operatives, except transport	15.3	14.6	22.7	14.9	14.2	19.9
Durable goods manufacturing	8.2	7.8	13.2	7.6	7.1	10.7
Nondurable goods manufacturing	3.5	3.2	6.4	3.7	3.4	6.1
All other	3.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.2
Transport equipment operatives	6.8	6.7	7.5	6.3	5.9	9.0
Nonfarm laborers	7.1	6.7	11.5	8.7	7.8	15.2
Service workers	6.7	6.3	11.0	6.9	6.1	12.6
Protective service	3.6	3.5	4.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
All other	3.1	2.8	6.2	5.3	4.5	10.9
Farm workers	1.6	1.7	0.7	3.5	3.4	3.6

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 10. Employed male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by industry group and race, annual averages, 1973

(Percent distribution)

Industry group	Veterans[1]			Nonveterans		
	Total	White	Negro and other races	Total	White	Negro and other races
ALL MEN						
Total employed: Number (in thousands)	5,089	4,633	456	12,316	10,797	1,520
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nonagricultural industries	98.0	97.9	98.9	95.9	95.9	95.9
Private wage and salary workers[2]	79.6	80.1	74.4	77.7	77.9	76.3
Construction	9.1	9.2	7.4	8.8	8.9	8.0
Manufacturing	30.5	29.8	37.2	29.1	28.5	33.5
Durable goods	20.5	20.0	25.6	18.7	18.4	20.8
Nondurable goods	10.0	9.8	12.0	10.4	10.1	12.7
Transportation, communications, and public utilities	9.6	9.7	8.8	6.1	6.1	6.2
Trade	16.1	16.8	9.4	17.7	18.1	14.6
Wholesale	5.0	5.2	2.6	4.4	4.5	3.6
Retail	11.1	11.5	7.0	13.3	13.6	11.1
Finance, insurance, and real estate	4.4	4.6	3.1	3.8	4.0	2.4
Service	8.8	8.8	8.1	11.1	11.1	11.3
Professional	3.6	3.7	3.3	5.6	5.6	5.1
All other service	5.1	5.2	4.8	5.6	5.5	6.1
Government wage and salary workers	14.5	13.7	22.8	13.3	13.0	17.0
Service	4.4	4.1	7.4	7.1	6.9	8.4
Educational	2.6	2.6	2.6	5.4	5.4	5.6
All other service	1.7	1.5	4.6	1.7	1.5	2.7
Public administration	7.9	7.4	12.0	4.3	4.2	5.1
All other government	2.2	2.2	3.1	2.1	1.8	3.6
Self-employed and unpaid family workers	3.9	4.1	1.8	4.7	5.0	2.6
Agriculture	2.0	2.1	1.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Wage and salary workers	1.0	1.1	.7	2.5	2.3	3.4
Self-employed and unpaid family workers	1.0	1.1	.4	1.7	1.8	.7

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Includes a small number in mining, not shown separately.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 11. Duration of unemployment of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, annual averages, 1972 and 1973

(Percent distribution)

Duration of unemployment	20 to 34 years		20 to 24 years		25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
VETERANS [1]								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands)	328	266	187	134	122	106	20	26
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(2)	(2)
Less than 5 weeks	42.6	46.4	42.5	44.8	43.4	49.1	-	-
5 to 14 weeks	30.7	32.2	32.3	32.8	27.9	31.1	-	-
15 weeks and over	26.7	21.3	25.3	22.4	28.7	19.8	-	-
NONVETERANS								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands)	690	632	432	379	157	168	101	85
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	41.4	47.4	44.7	50.9	35.7	43.5	36.0	39.3
5 to 14 weeks	32.8	31.1	32.4	31.4	33.8	30.4	33.0	31.0
15 weeks and over	25.8	21.6	22.9	17.7	30.6	26.2	31.0	29.8

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Percent not shown where base is less than 35,000.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 12. Reasons for unemployment of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by age, annual averages, 1972 and 1973

(Percent distribution)

Reason for unemployment	20 to 34 years		20 to 24 years		25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
VETERANS[1]								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands)	328	266	187	134	122	106	20	26
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(2)	(2)
Lost last job	49.1	47.0	40.3	39.8	58.7	53.8	-	-
On layoff	13.4	13.2	9.1	8.3	17.4	17.9	-	-
Other job losers	35.7	33.8	31.2	31.6	41.3	35.8	-	-
Left last job	13.7	19.2	13.4	17.3	13.2	19.8	-	-
Entered labor force	37.2	33.8	46.2	42.9	28.1	26.4	-	-
Reentered labor force	31.1	28.2	37.6	34.6	24.8	23.6	-	-
Never worked before	6.1	5.6	8.6	8.3	3.3	2.8	-	-
NONVETERANS								
Total unemployed:								
Number (in thousands)	690	632	432	379	157	168	101	85
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	55.4	54.5	47.1	47.1	67.9	64.7	72.0	67.9
On layoff	13.5	13.9	9.7	10.0	17.9	18.6	23.0	22.6
Other job losers	41.9	40.6	37.4	37.1	50.0	46.1	49.0	45.2
Left last job	16.8	19.7	16.9	21.3	16.7	16.2	17.0	19.0
Entered labor force	27.7	25.8	36.0	31.6	15.4	19.2	11.0	13.1
Reentered labor force	23.8	21.4	30.3	25.0	14.1	18.0	11.0	11.9
Never worked before	3.9	4.4	5.8	6.6	1.3	1.2	-	1.2

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Percent not shown where base is less than 35,000.

NOTE: See note, table 1.

Table 13. Reasons for nonparticipation in labor force for male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, by age, annual averages, 1972 and 1973

(Percent distribution)

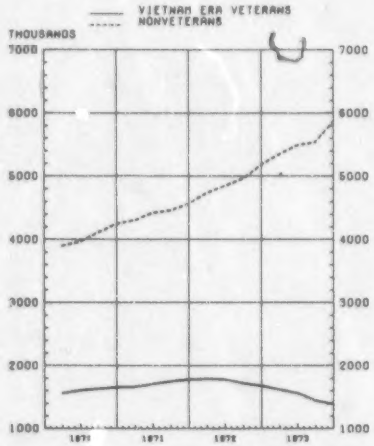
Reason for nonparticipation	20 to 34 years		20 to 24 years		25 to 29 years		30 to 34 years	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
VETERANS [1]								
Total not in labor force:								
Number (in thousands)	353	352	183	159	149	163	20	28
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	([2])	([2])
In school	62.3	58.2	60.5	57.6	67.8	63.6	-	-
Want job now[3]	9.0	9.7	9.7	11.4	8.7	9.3	-	-
Ill health or disability	10.1	14.0	6.5	10.1	11.4	14.8	-	-
No desire for job now	17.7	16.9	20.5	17.7	14.1	13.6	-	-
Think impossible to find job	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.5	1.3	2.5	-	-
All other	7.6	8.6	9.7	12.0	5.4	5.6	-	-
NONVETERANS								
Total not in labor force:								
Number (in thousands)	1,430	1,413	1,097	1,066	208	216	125	132
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In school	65.1	65.3	74.9	75.9	39.4	38.9	21.6	22.1
Want job now[3]	8.0	9.2	9.1	11.0	4.8	3.7	3.2	3.8
Ill health or disability	12.5	12.7	5.7	5.4	26.4	27.8	48.8	47.3
No desire for job now	15.5	14.8	13.6	13.1	21.6	20.8	22.4	18.3
Think impossible to find job	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.1	4.8	3.7	2.4	4.6
All other	4.1	4.7	3.3	3.5	7.7	8.8	4.8	7.6

[1] See footnote 1, table 1.
[2] Percent not shown where base is less than 35,000.
[3] Included in "In school."

NOTE: See note, table 1.

VETERANS AND NONVETERANS, 20-24
QUARTERLY AVERAGES - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



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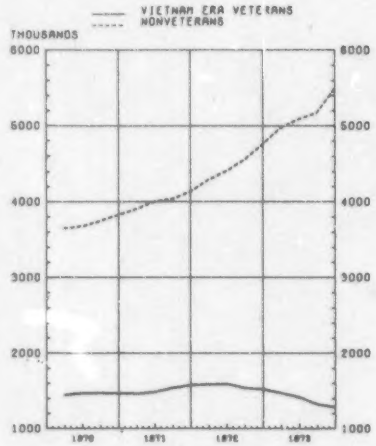

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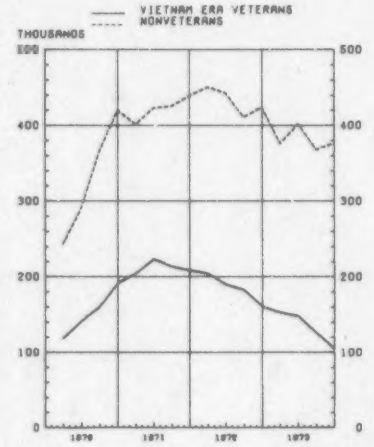

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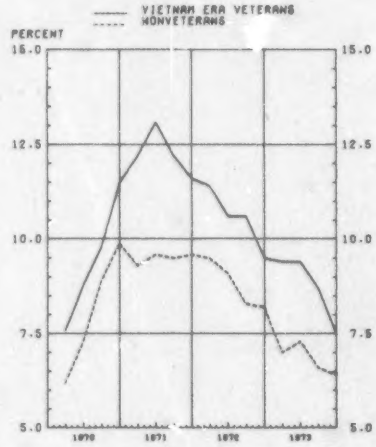

VETERANS AND NONVETERANS, 20-34 YEARS
QUARTERLY AVERAGES - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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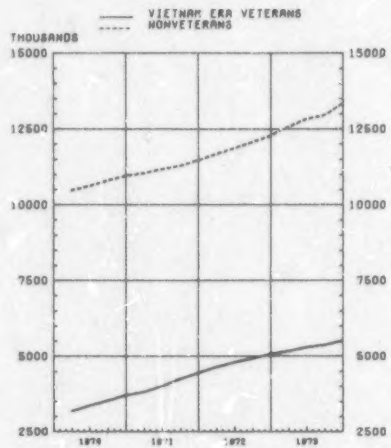

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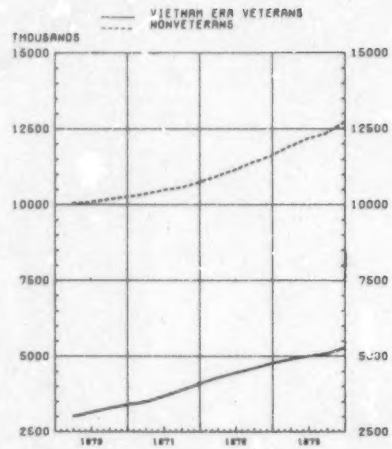

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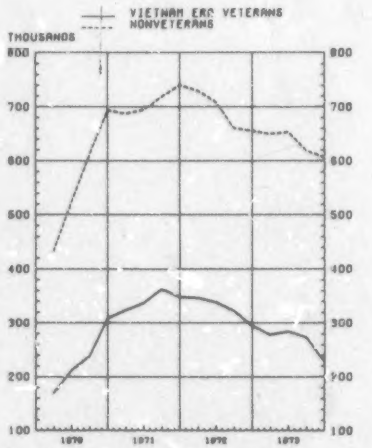

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